

Child Passenger Safety Traffic Safety Newsletter

September 2021

Child Passenger Safety Week September 19-25, 2021

Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children. On average nationally, two children under 13 were killed and an estimated 374 were injured every day in 2019 while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups, and vans.

- 608 child passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes in 2019.
- 38% of children who died in 2019 while riding in passenger vehicles were unrestrained, compared to 33% in 2018.



The Delaware Office of Highway Safety urges caregivers to protect their child's future at every stage of life by making sure they secure them in the correct car seat for their age, height, weight, and developmental level.

¿Amas a tus hijos?

**Asegúrate de
que están en el
asiento trasero.**

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Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children, according to the

latest NHTSA data. A child is involved in a crash while riding in a passenger vehicle, on average, every 25 seconds. When installed correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers.



SEAT CHECK SATURDAY



Who: You and your loved ones

What: Seat Check Saturday - a free car seat fitting event

**Where: Christiana Hospital, lot M
4755 Ogletown Stanton Rd, Newark, DE 19718**

When: September 25th from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Can't make it to this event? No problem. [Click here](#) to schedule a one-on-one in-person or virtual appointment.



Meet Aubrey Klick

Aubrey is one of OHS's Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. She's also one of the state's Ambassadors of Safety - and you can meet her at our Seat Check Saturday event.



Car Seat Checks are informative and interactive events, so it's best if you prepare for them before you show up.



SEATING POSITION

Try to bring all of the children who ride in your vehicle to the event - that way, the technicians can see how they fit and sit in their restraints, which ensures a custom fit for every passenger.

SOME PAPERWORK

OHS car seat technicians will need to record some of your information - such as the make and model of your vehicle and your car seat or booster seat, as well as the age, height, and weight of your child passenger. If you don't know all of the information - that's ok. A scale or measuring tape may be on hand.

REGISTRATION

If your car seat isn't registered with the manufacturer, you might not know about recall notices. Our OHS car seat technicians can help you register your car seat or booster seat.

SAFETY STATUS

The car seat technicians will check to make sure your car seat or booster seat has not been part of a recall. They'll also check to see if the seat has expired. Car seats and booster seats can expire anywhere from four to twelve years after they were made.

YOUR TURN

The technicians will walk you through installing your child's car seats or booster seat, as well as properly harnessing your child in it. After all, the goal of the event is to give you the confidence to do it on your own when they're not around.

CHECKING YOUR CURRENT INSTALLATION

The car seat technicians will look at how your car seat or booster seat is currently installed. They'll address any issues and ask you about any concerns you've had with installation.

NOW YOU'RE READY!





Car Seat Misconceptions

"I know exactly what I'm doing
- I definitely don't need to read
the instructions or get any help
installing a car seat."

According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](http://www.nhtsa.gov)
- while most caregivers are confident that they have correctly installed their child's car seat, [almost half](#) have been installed incorrectly. Here in Delaware, four out of five child safety seats are not installed correctly.

"Installing a car seat or a booster seat with the lower anchors is better than using the vehicle seat belt."

Both options offer the same level of protection as long as a proper installation is achieved. That's because child safety seats must meet federal safety standards with

either installation method. But be careful - you shouldn't use the lower anchors and the vehicle's seat belt at the same time.

Learn more about the LATCH system here: in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

"Once the car seat or booster seat is installed, you're good to go!"

Caregivers need to check the car seat or booster seat's installation once a month to make sure nothing has twisted or shifted. To make sure you have a snug fit, try the [inch test](#).

A properly-installed car seat or booster seat shouldn't move more than one inch front to back or side to side when pulled at the seat belt path. When checking for movement, use the force of a firm handshake or 'moderate force.'

WHAT'S YOUR SAFETY STYLE?



GOOD

YOU UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE LAW - ANY ONE UNDER 66 POUNDS IS IN A CHILD RESTRAINT. ANY CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 12 AND UNDER 65' ARE IN THE BACK SEAT.



BETTER

YOU ARE GOING BEYOND THE LAW BY KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN THEIR SEAT LONGER, AND KEEPING THEM REAR FACING UNTIL THEY'RE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OLD.



BEST

YOU ARE MAXING OUT THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT LIMITS OF EACH STAGE OF YOUR CAR SEATS BEFORE TRANSITIONING TO THE NEXT STAGE. CONGRATS!

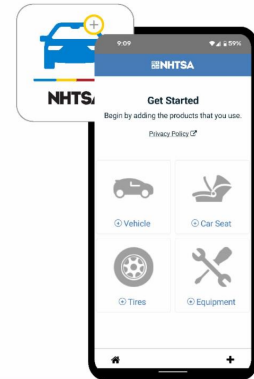


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